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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

#### Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, March 6.—Ehrhardt is very quiet these days. Every one is tired from work when they come to town and it takes a good joke to even make them smile while here. They say when the dispensary was here they could get a half pint of smiling water and feel happy any way while in town.

The Hacker Manufacturing Company has a blacksmith in their gang that beats all of them. He claims to have been working in shops from the north pole to the south pole and from sunrise to sunset and can't make a lap link.

There was a marriage at Mt. Pleasant parsonage Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. B. Groseclose. The contracting parties were rather young. Groom looked to be about 19 years and the bride about 15 years. The groom, A. M. Ayer, the bride, a Miss Hiers.

Mr. J. C. Moye is in the dog business again. Buys five or six a week and sells them. Has one now that he says he intends to keep. The dog is of fox terrier order in looks with a black spot around one eye, and the other part of his head white; says the dog is a fine bear dog and Mr. Moye thinks of taking a hunt later.

The boys had a meeting the other night to organize a baseball team. The Ehrhardt team made somewhat of a record last year. It is too soon to size up the team as yet, but, judging from the new material they have to select additions to the old team, they should have a strong team for 1911. Mr. Alex Henderson is manager and Mr. Joe L. Hiers is captain of the team. They are willing and ready to play any home team now, that is small towns playing their own boys or young men in the surrounding country.

The Ehrhardt Hardware So. of this place are getting in their goods every day. Another car came in Saturday night.

Another young couple in town seems to be very spoony when walking together on our streets, like they were weighing, pondering, and reflecting on the question and answers to each other.

Miss Daisy Brabham and Mr. O. E. Kearse were married by Rev. D. B. Groseclose yesterday afternoon. Congratulations to the wedded pair.

The weather this morning is cool and cloudy—good pneumonia weather. One or two colored people were buried yesterday from the disease.

JEE.

#### Brenan College Conservatory.

Gainesville, Ga., March 2, 1911. Bamberg Herald, Bamberg, S. C.

Miss Elise Rentz, of Bamberg, S. C., one of Brenan's most popular students, has recently been elected by her fellow students a member of the honor board, this is one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon a student.

F. M. R.

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#### Officer Escapes Death.

Orangeburg, March 6.—W. Hampton Edwins, policeman, narrowly escaped instant death this morning at about 8:30 o'clock in a collision with an automobile driven by George Salley.

Officer Edwins was cursing his way toward the Southern depot on a bicycle, returning from his breakfast, and Mr. Salley was driving his machine down Russell street. Evidently Mr. Edwins did not see the automobile and ran his bicycle straight into the machine. Mr. Salley, realizing that the officer was going to strike his machine, applied his emergency brake and the machine was brought to a standstill just as the collision occurred.

Edwins was hurled upon the shield of the car, his arm breaking and passing through the wind shield. His throat came in contact with the glass, and he sustained a severe and deep cut. The wound extends almost completely across the throat and upward, missing the jugular vein. Some arteries were punctured and severed.

Edwins was then taken to his home, where he is resting well. His condition is precarious, but there are hopes of his recovery.

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## "OLD TIMER" ON TAXES.

An Interesting Discussion of a Vexing Problem to Us All.

Wanderer's Rest, March 6.—How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, but on the tax question how hard for men to do so. Away back in the days when Herod the great was tetrarch men hated the renegade Jews who bought the right to gather the taxes from the people. They were cursed and discussed as much as the tax gatherers under Governor Moses of this State in the good old days of carpetbag rule so well remembered by all of that day. Then in every age of every people it is a question. Where can money be procured to run the government, and with the people where is the money coming from to pay them with. These are questions often difficult to answer. No solution of the vexed question has ever been found satisfactorily filling the bill and it seems never to be.

Our law makers are much like many farmers. The farmer this year makes a little money, he likes it, and next year buys another mule or two, more fertilizers, more hedges, more expenses, more debt, and a bad year or low prices come, the venture does not pay, and to meet obligations due has to borrow on his home. Then is the beginning of the end of his home. Before the years are many he and family are in another place, while his old home is in other hands. Law makers are only human, and money lavishly voted on schools, colleges, public buildings, roads also, often to help directly or indirectly private interests, are all a bone to gnaw for the voter, and he holds his office, while if with niggardly hands he bestows no favors on his constituents he receives no hand-shake at the political meetings, no smile of welcome, and last but not least, few if any votes, and is sent back to his store, or office, shop or farm a wiser if a sadder man.

Then others have money themselves and do not know how it feels to be pinched for a dollar. Likes comfort at the court house, nice school buildings, pretty lawns as a campus for the boys and girls to romp on, nice shade trees, green grass and pretty fountains throwing sparkling jets of water, handsome offices, well dressed officers, and plenty of them to serve the dear people, monuments to departed heroes, and fine roads to drive over, and hundreds of other things that could be mentioned, all for the sake of the dear people as well as the office holder, and when the appropriations are all in and counted the most stalwart heart will almost quake, but there it is, if anything is left out the budget is disfigured, some one's friends are miffed not to say mad, and so it stands both in State and nation and the producers of all the wealth are so burdened with the load they stagger as did the man pretty drunk who thought himself strong; he wanted to carry a 200 pound sack of salt on his shoulders. When placed there he made a step or so, then made a plunge and went to the ground, salt on top; then he felt weak, yelled lustily for help; when it was lifted off he turned over, looked up, saw the full moon in his face and exclaimed: "Say, fellows now that salt is off ain't it light." If State and county taxes were all we could soon roll in luxury. There is the federal, then the tariff, the trusts, the corporations, and paying the bad fellow's debts in profits charged to cover them, then the church must be supported, and, sad to say, by the comparatively few, and when the family tax is reached, for a new Easter bonnet for the madam and the girls and the music bills and suits for the boys and wages to pay for hands to work the farm; no wonder the old fellow looks up with sad eyes and wonders where he is at, and exclaims as David of old: "Had I the wings of the dove then would I fly away and be at rest."

No, the question will never be settled to the satisfaction of all until that day when every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and all the swords into plow shares and people will all be so good that each one shall be a law unto himself and himself and war will be no more, then will it be settled, for no governments will be necessary, jails out of date, all expenses gone for law suits, hospitals or any of the institutions that cost so much to-day. The heathen gone, no missionary needed; yes that will be the day when taxes will be abolished, but would like for some wise man to find a way to effectually reduce them all along the line and let the old farmer have a few coins to jingle in his pockets and a few to give his better half and see a sad sweet smile as he hands them to her

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address to the S. C. Press Association, which is to meet in Columbia the latter part of May.

Sam Boozer, the negro who shot and killed J. S. Gilliam, a white man, in Newberry county last week, surrendered this week to the sheriff of Greenwood. He was taken to the penitentiary for safe keeping.

Mr. Samuel Dibble, of Orangeburg, is preparing to establish a tile factory at Bowman. Some of the material has already arrived, and it is expected that the plant will soon be in operation. Tile for drainage purposes will be manufactured.

The order passed some time ago by the railroad commission granting the up-country mills and Charleston better rates of freight on cotton goods has been suspended, and the roads will have a rehearing before the commission the fifth of April, and in the meantime the old rates continue.

#### HOTEL FIRE.

The Loch Crystal, New North Carolina Resort, is Destroyed.

Lakeview, N. C., March 6.—The new Loch Crystal hotel, a tourist resort, opened this season, was destroyed by fire early this morning and two guests lost their lives in the flames. The dead are: Miss Anna M. Barnes, New York; Mrs. G. C. Pettus, New Haven, Conn.

Howard Whitmore, clerk, and Mrs. W. E. Youland, wife of the manager, suffered burns and were otherwise seriously injured.

#### Spread Rapidly.

The fire was discovered about 5 o'clock. The flames spread so quickly through the large frame building that all efforts to check them were in vain and the only thought was to save the lives of the 25 guests who were staying in the hotel. Miss Barnes, who was on the third floor, could not be rescued and was burned to death. The body has not been recovered from the smoking ruins.

Mrs. Pettis, a very old woman, while being rescued by her son, C. M. Pettis, sustained serious injuries and died an hour later.

#### Partially Clad.

Howard Whitmore saved many of the guests. He is now confined to his bed on account of his injuries. All of those who escaped were only partially clad and lost all of their belongings, including large amounts of money.

The homes in the village have been thrown open to the sufferers whose needs have been supplied by residents. Mrs. Youland will probably recover.

The loss is about \$30,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Bamberg Herald wants to know why, if the governor desired to save money and emphasize economy, he did not veto the whole appropriation bill instead of a few items, amounting to only \$90,000 out of a total of more than a million. There is in the suggestion something to think about.—Yorkville Enquirer.

#### Sends List to Supreme Court.

A list of "eligibles" for commission as judges or justices has been sent out by Gov. Blease to members of the supreme court.

The list includes a number of well-known attorneys and Gov. Blease states that should any of these not be considered he has others he could suggest. The exact wording of his letter could not be ascertained yesterday, but the list is as follows: Leroy Lee, Kingstree; W. P. Pollock, Cheraw; S. McG. Simkins, Edgefield; George W. Brown, Darlington; J. E. Breazele, Anderson; Thomas G. McLeod, Bishopville; T. I. Rogers, Bennettsville; W. E. Graydon, Abbeville; Arthur Best, Barnwell; Charles Carroll Sims, Barnwell; T. B. Butler, Gaffney; G. W. Ragsdale, Winnsboro; J. M. Cannon, Laurens; B. F. Kelley, Bishopville; Thomas F. Brantley, Orangeburg; J. P. Carey, Jr., Pickens; J. F. Purifoy, Walterboro; R. H. Welch, Columbia; R. O. Purdy, Sumter.

and hear her say: "Thank you, John; I knew all along you thought something of me."

OLD TIMER.

## LET'S CONTRACT.

Arranges for Charlotte-King's Mountain Link.

Charlotte, N. C., March 6.—The contract for the first link in the interurban line to be constructed by the Southern Power company was let this afternoon to Stewart & Jones of Baltimore. The link will run from Charlotte to King's Mountain, a distance of 35 miles, and the contract calls for its completion in 120 working days. The bid was \$400,000. The contract for the next link from Greenwood to Greenville, a distance of 90 miles, will be let in Greenville the latter part of the week. There are some local matters to adjust before the contract for the link between Greenville and King's Mountain, N. C., is let. It is proposed to complete and put in operation the entire line from Charlotte to Greenwood before work on the northern end of the system from Charlotte to Concord, Salisbury, Greensboro and Durham is started.

The Southern Power company—in which the Duke interests predominate—is the force behind the Piedmont & Northern railway, which is designed to furnish the Piedmont section of the Carolinas with a veritable network of electric lines, the system soon to be extended to the lower country, by branches to Augusta and Columbia, and perhaps other points in the middle belt of South Carolina. The award of contracts indicate that the consummation of the scheme is not very far off, as there is already a considerable amount of interurban trackage in the Piedmont section.

#### Row Pending on Special Judge.

Another special judge controversy between the supreme court and Gov. Blease is pending.

The Georgetown County Bar association has recommended Walter I. Hazard to the supreme court for commission as special judge for that county. No action has been taken by the supreme court with reference to the recommendation. The Georgetown Bar association knew before endorsing Mr. Hazard for the place that his name was not included in the list of "eligibles" recently sent to the supreme court by the governor.

It is expected that the governor will to-day receive the recommendation of Mr. Hazard from Chief Justice Jones.

Several days ago Chief Justice Jones in an opinion ruled that the governor of the State must commission special judges upon the recommendation of the supreme court. It was held that the duty of governor under such circumstances was purely ministerial.

The following is the "eligible list" and letter of the governor which was addressed to Chief Justice Jones of the supreme court:

"Dear Sir: I would respectfully suggest to you the following named gentlemen, members of the bar of South Carolina, who are qualified, competent and well enough learned in the law, to hold any court that may be held or will have to be held in this State:

"W. N. Graydon, Abbeville; John E. Breazele, Anderson; Arthur Best, Barnwell; C. C. Simms, Barnwell; W. P. Pollock, Cheraw; T. Bothwell Butler, Gaffney; George W. Brown, Darlington; Samuel McGowan Simkins, Edgefield; G. Willard Ragsdale, Florence; J. M. Cannon, Laurens; Thos. G. McLeod, Bishopville; B. F. Kelly, Bishopville; T. I. Rogers, Bennettsville; F. L. Bynum, Newberry; Thos. F. Brantley, Orangeburg; Samuel J. Nicholls, Spartanburg; W. B. Wilson, Sr., Rock Hill; Jas. P. Carey, Jr., Pickens; James E. Peurifoy, Walterboro; Leroy Lee, Kingstree; Robert H. Welch, Columbia; R. O. Purdy, Sumter.

"There are many other names which I could furnish you and which I will be pleased to furnish, if there are none on this list which you think are worthy of at some time being a special judge."

#### Candid Advice.

He was a great bore, and was talking to a crowd about the election. He said:

"Bunco is a good man; he is capable, honest, fearless and conscientious. He will make the very kind of M. P. we need. He once saved my life from drowning."

"Do you really want to see Bunco elected?" asked a solemn faced old man.

"I do indeed. I'd do anything to see him elected," said the bore.

"Then never let anybody know he saved your life," counseled the solemn faced man.—Tit Bits.

## RIGGS HEAD OF CLEMSON.

MADE PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE BY AN UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Experiment Station to be Established in Pee Dee Section at Once and Sand Hill Later.

Clemson College, March 7.—Prof. W. M. Riggs was unanimously elected president of Clemson college last night and to-day accepted the position. The election was generally expected here, though Prof. Riggs had never been an avowed applicant for the position. His election gives general satisfaction among the faculty.

He is 38 years old and has been at Clemson since 1895.

#### Changes Made.

Some changes were made in the organization of the faculty. The entomological forces were combined with Prof. A. F. Conradi as head of the division. W. P. Gee was elected assistant entomologist.

The animal industry division was reorganized with Prof. Archibald Smith as the head of the division; Prof. E. Barnett, veterinarian to the station and assistant in animal industry; D. O. Nourse, associate, and J. M. Burgess, assistant professor in animal industry and dairying.

The resignation of W. C. Tucker, bookkeeper, who goes to Columbia as president of the Carolina Audit and System company, was accepted and S. W. Evans promoted to the position as bookkeeper.

#### Experiment Station.

A resolution was adopted for the establishing of experiment stations in the Pee Dee section at once, and in the sand hill section later. No other station will be established, as the four stations will cover the different soils in the State. Appropriation was made to enlarge the coast station.

Appropriation of \$20,000 was made to add a story to barracks No. 1, and piazzas to barracks No. 2. The addition will provide quarters for the Y. M. C. A. and will increase the number of dormitories to give quarters for 800 students. The library will be extended into the two class rooms flanking it.

G. C. Crampton has resigned to accept a position in Syracuse, N. Y., university. Appropriation was made to improve the farm.

The board adjourned at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon.

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#### PETITION FOR PARDON.

Chester Kennedy Files Papers With Gov. Blease for Consideration.

Chester Kennedy, the wealthy Barnwell county man who was convicted more than a year ago for accessory to the murder of W. Perry Ussery of Dunbarton is seeking a pardon. The testimony at the trial discovered and showed that Kennedy hired Quitman Johnson, a negro, to shoot J. M. Weeks, but Ussery was killed by mistake.

A petition for his pardon has been filed with Gov. Blease. There was also a petition filed against his pardon by the solicitor.

After having received both petitions Gov. Blease decided to order a hearing when the question of a pardon will be argued.

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#### Rebuked the Governor.

In reply to the letter sent by the governor to the State Supreme Court in which he named a list of lawyers as satisfactory to him for the position of special judge, the chief justice has replied in the letter published below. It was a piece of impertinence for the governor to write such a letter, hence the stinging reply of the chief justice:

"I am in receipt of your letter of February 28, in which you give a list of 22 lawyers whom you suggest as qualified and competent to serve as special judge, and in which you express willingness to furnish other names if those suggested are not by me deemed worthy to serve.

"I shall not call upon you, governor, to furnish any such list and regret that you have troubled yourself with a matter beyond the scope of your executive powers."

This letter was dated March 1.

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## WADE BERRY SHOT.

Dies From Wound Within Very Few Hours.

Bingham, March 5.—Last night just after midnight at Mallory, four miles south of here, John C. Coats, a Croatan, shot Wade H. Berry in the leg with a shotgun, the wound causing Berry's death within about four hours. The entire load, which was fired at close range, entered the right leg just below the knee and almost completely severed the limb. Drs. Major and Edwards, of Latta, were promptly summoned, but it took them some time to arrive and bleeding had been so profuse that he was too weak to survive the amputation of the limb.

#### In Coats' Home.

The tragedy occurred in Coats' house and besides members of his family there were three well-known white men of the community who were eye witnesses. It is stated that the four white men were in a room with Coats' daughters and all were drinking freely and having a good time generally, when Coats, who was in another room, overheard some remarks which he resented. He thereupon entered the room with drawn gun and ordered them to give up, threatening to kill the first who moved. Two of them attacked him and in the mix-up the gun was fired with the above stated result.

#### Inquest Held.

Magistrate McRae, of Dillon, held an inquest this afternoon over the dead body and the testimony brought out was in accordance with the above facts.

Coates claims that he had no intention of killing Berry and that they had always been the best of friends and apparently they had been.

There were rumors that one of the men had a pistol drawn on Coates when the gun was fired, but no mention of this was made during the inquest. The deputy sheriff, Pierce Bethea, arrested Coates and took him to Dillon this afternoon immediately after the inquest.

#### The Slain Man.

Berry was the youngest son of Capt. Stephen Berry, of Mallory, and leaves a wife and three children, besides his aged father, with whom he lived. He was a brother of G. Raymond Berry, who has recently served out his time in Columbia penitentiary for embezzling school funds of Marion county some years ago.

Berry was himself not altogether a law-abiding citizen, as he was under parole by Gov. Ansel for bigamy. At the last term of court here he was tried and convicted for shooting at a negro preacher. All that saved the negro was his falling just as Berry shot. His hat was shot off. Berry was fined for the crime.

#### Twin Babies Burned.

Spartanburg, March 4.—Baby Florence McDowell, the tiny daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McDowell, of Inman is dead, and her twin sister is dying from burns received yesterday afternoon when the covers of their cradle caught fire. Their mother is suffering from severe burns which she sustained in trying to save her babies' lives.

The twins were eight months old. They were placed in their cradle yesterday afternoon and it was drawn up near the fireplace. Mrs. McDowell left the room to attend to household duties.

She was horrified when she returned into the room later to find the cradle in flames. She snatched the blazing covers from the cradle and extinguished the flames, which were burning the babies' dresses, with her hands. She was burned all the way up to the shoulder.

When the fire was put out little Florence was dead, and her twin sister was so badly burned that her recovery would be little short of a miracle.

Just how the cradle took fire is somewhat of a mystery. It is supposed a spark from the fire blew in to the cradle, but the fire had burned down very low.

#### Negro Shot to Death.

Marianna, Fla., March 5.—Calvin Baker, a negro, who came here from Georgia recently was shot to death by a mob at Cypress, a small town near here, last night. Baker had threatened to shoot up the town, it is said and attempted to shoot the town marshal when that officer went to place him under arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct. Later he was arrested by a posse and placed in the lockup. Some time in the night a mob battered down the door of the jail and poured a fusillade of shots into Baker's body.

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